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1. GIVEN GERMAN CONCERN VOICED TO US EARLIER THIS WEEK
ON TACNUC ISSUE (BONN 6690 - NOTAL), EMBOFF DREW ON
REFTEL IN CONVERSATION WITH FONOFF NATO DEPARTMENT
OFFICIAL HARTMANN JUST BEFORE HARTMANN' S DEPARTURE WITH
FRG DEL FOR ANKARA NPG MINISTERIAL. HARTMANN EXPRESSED
APPRECIATION FOR " TIMELY US REASSURANCES". HE ADDED
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THAT, AT NPG MINISTERIAL, MINISTER LEBER MAY RAISE IN A DIPLOMATIC FASHION SOME OF THE RATHER BLUNT QUESTIONS HARTMANN PUT TO EMBOFF IN MAY 9 CONVERSATION (BONN 6690, PARA 5).

2. HARTMANN THEN DREW EMBOFF' S ATTENTION TO CHARLES DOUGLAS- HOME' S MAY 9 LONDON TIMES ARTICLE (LONDON 5371), WHICH INDICATED THAT PRESIDENT NIXON MIGHT BE PREPARED TO GIVE HIS BLESSING TO ANGLO- FRENCH NUCLEAR COOPERATION AND BRITISH DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE US TO THE FRENCH. HARTMANN SAID FONOFF AND DEFENSE MINISTRY OFFICIALS HAD BEEN RATHER INTRIGUED BY THIS REPORT AND HAD INSTRUCTED FRG EMBASSIES IN LONDON AND PARIS TO INQUIRE ABOUT IT. HARTMANN SAID FRG WOULD APPRECIATE ANY LIGHT WE COULD SHED ON THE SUBJECT. COMMENT: SINCE FRG DEL TO NPG DEPARTING TODAY FOR ANKARA, ANY SUCH US CLARIFICATION MIGHT BEST BE HANDLED WITH GERMAN DEL OFFICIALS IN ANKARA PRIOR TO OPENING OF NPG. HILLENBRAND

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